



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John F. Kennedy

Sep. 2, 2015

Provide Hospitality at Shalom Community Center

Volunteers are the backbone for the everyday operations of the Shalom Community Center, a day center for people experiencing homelessness or poverty. Hospitality volunteers work at the busy front desk, distributing guests' mail and messages, answering the phone, and assisting with long-term and day storage. Volunteers also register guests to do laundry, take a shower, see a caseworker or visit with agency representatives. Minimum age is 18. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/ShalomCenterVolunteering> or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org or (812) 334-5734 ext. 23. (www.shalomcommunitycenter.org)

Senior Games - Aug. 28-Sept. 14

The Senior Games, held through mid-September, are a friendly series of sports and games to promote healthy living for people ages 50 and better. There are more than 40 games, including golf, track and field, volleyball, ballyball, 3-on-3 basketball, bowling, swimming, and softball, held in a variety of locations in Monroe and Owen Counties. Approximately 600 gold, silver, and bronze medals are expected to be awarded. Volunteers will assist with registration, scoring, refereeing and maintaining safety. Minimum age is 18; no minimum if with an adult. For more information, or to register to volunteer, contact Tricia or Kris at the Endwright Center at 812-876-3383, ext. 515. (www.area10agency.org/seniorgames)

Troop Leaders

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana is seeking troop leaders for University and Arlington Elementary schools, and they make it easy, meaningful, and fun for both girls and volunteers to grow as leaders. Troop leaders are offered free, convenient training, and will plan and facilitate troop meetings, community service activities, and fun outings. They also will work with the girls on projects to earn badges. The time commitment is 5-10 hours per month. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Crystal Ritter at (317) 924-6854 or critter@girlscoutsindiana.org. (www.girlscoutsindiana.org)

Monroe Lake Shoreline Cleanup – Sept. 13; Registration Deadline Sept. 9

A summer of fun at Monroe Lake creates more than memories - it also results in a lot of trash! Starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 13, up to 100 volunteers will conduct a large shoreline cleanup in the Salt Creek State Recreation Area to make the lakeshore an inviting habitat for both people and wildlife. Boats will transport volunteers to remote areas of the shoreline. Registered volunteers should check in between 1 and 1:30 p.m. Cleanup ends at 5:30 p.m. with a free cookout afterwards for all volunteers! Volunteers must be at least 10 years old; ages 10 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and bring a water bottle; gloves and trash bags provided. Please register by Sept. 9 at <http://bit.ly/monroecleanup2015> or contact Jill Vance at (812) 837-9967 or jvance@dnr.in.gov. (www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm)

Global Gifts Volunteer Orientation – Sept. 14

Enthusiastic volunteers are always welcomed at Global Gifts, which is largely volunteer-run. If you are passionate about other cultures, assisting impoverished people in the developing world, and promoting fair trade, fair wages and environmentalism, then this is a great opportunity for you! Volunteers provide excellent customer service, assist in store operations and spread the mission of fair trade. Attendance at a volunteer orientation is required; the next session will be from 7-8 p.m. on Sept. 14. Attendees then commit to volunteer two shifts per month for a minimum of 3 months. Shifts are 3-5 hours long. Minimum age is 15. Please RSVP by contacting Nicole Main at (812) 336-7402 or nicole@globalgiftsft.com. (www.globalgiftsft.com)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Hilltop Garden & Nature Center

Serves as an educational and recreational resource for Indiana University and the surrounding community, particularly youth, to learn about gardening and to connect with nature. To grant a wish, contact Lea Woodard at hilltop@indiana.edu or (812) 855-8808. (2367 E. 10th St.; www.iub.edu/~hilltop)

Wishes: walkie-talkies, vinyl mini-blinds, harvesting baskets, heavy duty string/twine, measuring cups & spoons, Ziplock bags (gallon & snack-sized), spray bottles, coin envelopes

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase a few items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

